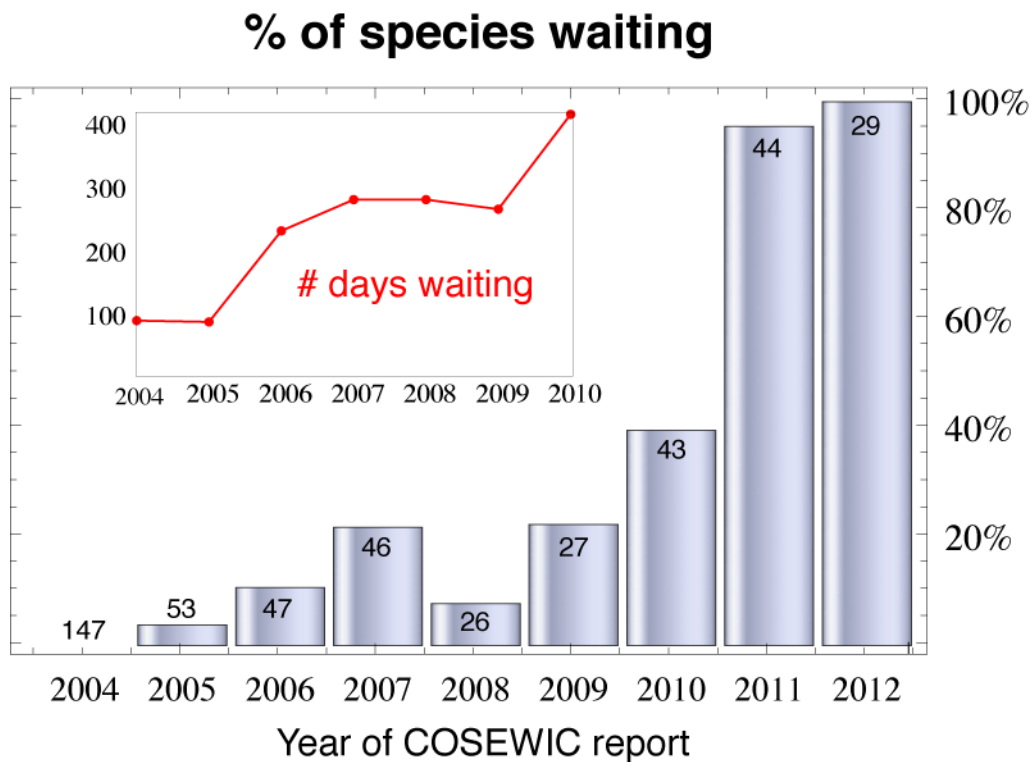


### Species-at-risk waiting for official recognition:

Most files for species at risk now languish on the Minister of Environment's desk, waiting to be officially received by Cabinet and the Governor-in-Council (GiC). Even for those files that are getting transmitted, the waiting times are getting longer and longer (inset).



Numbers on the bars give the total number of new assessments submitted by COSEWIC to the Minister each year since SARA began. The height of each bar shows the percentage of cases that have not been “officially received” by the GiC. The red curve shows the median number of days before the Minister officially shares cases with GiC. Date of analysis: August 8, 2013. Revised on August 20, 2013, to include Leatherback turtles, a species had been mistakenly left out of the counts for 2012 COSEWIC submissions in our Aug 8 analyses.